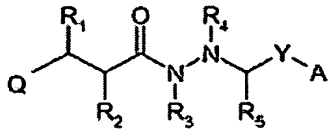
The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutical or veterinary acceptable salt, hydrate or solvate thereof



(I)

wherein

Q represents a radical of formula -N(OH)CH(=O) or formula -C(=O)NH(OH);

Y represents -C(=O)-, -C(=S)-, -S(=O)-, or $-SO_2-$;

R_1 represents hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl or C_1-C_6 alkyl substituted by one or more halogen atoms, or, except when Q is a radical of formula -N(OH)CH(=O), a hydroxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_1-C_6 alkenyloxy, halogen, amino, C_1-C_6 alkylamino, or di-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)amino group;

R_2 represents a substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_3 alkyl-O-C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_1-C_3 alkyl-S-C_1-C_3 alkyl, cycloalkyl(C_1-C_3 alkyl)-, aryl(C_1-C_3 alkyl)-, heterocyclyl(C_1-C_3 alkyl)-, or R^1R^2N-C_1-C_3 alkyl group wherein R^1 represents hydrogen or C_1-C_3 alkyl and R^2 represents C_1-C_3 alkyl, or R^1 R^2N-represents a cyclic amino group;

R_3 and R_5 independently represent hydrogen or a substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_6 alkyl group or R_3 and R_5 taken together with the carbon and nitrogen atoms to which they are respectively attached form a saturated heterocyclic ring of from 5 to 7 ring atoms, which may be fused to a second carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring, either of which rings may optionally be substituted;

R_4 represent hydrogen or a substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkenyl, C_2-C_6

alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, C_1-C_3 alkyl-O-C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_1-C_3-alkyl-S-C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_1-C_3 alkyl-NH-(C_1-C_3 alkyl)-, cycloalkyl(C_1-C_3 alkyl)-, heterocyclic(C_1-C_3 alkyl)- or aryl(C_1-C_3 alkyl)- group; and

A represents a primary, secondary or tertiary amino group or a group- R_6, -OR_6, wherein R_6 is a substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkenyl, C_2-C_6 alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, ~~C_1-C_3 alkyl-O-(C_1-C_3 alky)-1~~ C_1-C_3 alkyl-O-(C_1-C_3 alkyl), C_1-C_3 alkyl-S-(C_1-C_3 alkyl)-, C_1-C_3 alkyl-NH-(C_1-C_3 alkyl)-, cycloalkyl(C_1-C_3 alkyl)-, heterocyclic(C_1-C_3 alkyl)-1 or aryl(C_1-C_3 alkyl)- group.

2. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein Q is an N-formyl hydroxylamine group -N(OH)CH(=O).

3. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ wherein -Y- is -C(=O)- or -SO_2-.

4. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein R_1 is hydrogen.

5. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein R_2 is

optionally substituted C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_6 alkenyl, C_3-C_6 alkynyl or cycloalkyl;

phenyl(C_1-C_6 alkyl)-, phenyl(C_3-C_6 alkenyl)- or phenyl(C_3-C_6 alkynyl)- optionally substituted in the phenyl ring;

cycloalkyl(C_1-C_6 alkyl)-, cycloalkyl(C_3-C_6 alkenyl)- or cycloalkyl(C_3-C_6 alkynyl)- optionally substituted in the cycloalkyl ring; or

$CH_3(CH_2)_pO(CH_2)_q$- or $CH_3(CH_2)_pS(CH_2)_q$-, wherein p is 0, 1, 2 or 3 and q is 1, 2 or 3.

6. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 wherein R_2 is methyl, ethyl, n- or iso-propyl, n-or iso-butyl, n-pentyl, iso-pentyl, 3-methyl-but-1-yl, n-hexyl, n-heptyl, n-acetyl, n-octyl, methylsulfanylethyl, ethylsulfanylmethyl, 2-methoxyethyl, 2-ethoxyethyl, 2-ethoxymethyl, 3-hydroxypropyl, allyl, 3-phenylprop-3-en-1-yl, prop-2-yn-1-yl, 3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl, 3-(2-chlorophenyl)prop-2-yn-1-yl, but-2-yn-1-yl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentylmethyl, cyclopentylethyl, cyclopentylpropyl, acyclohexylmethyl, cyclohexylethyl, cyclohexylpropyl, furan-2-ylmethyl, furan-3-methyl, tetrahydrofuran-2-ylmethyl, tetrahydrofuran-2-ylmethyl, piperidinylmethyl, pyrid-2-ylmethyl, pyrid-3-ylmethyl, pyrid-4-ylmethyl, phenylpropyl, 4-chlorophenylpropyl, 4-methylphenylpropyl, 4-methoxyphenylpropyl, benzyl, 4-chlorobenzyl, 4-methylbenzyl, or 4-methoxybenzyl.

7. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 wherein R_2 is $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$alkyl-, cycloalkylmethyl-, $(C_1\text{-}C_3)$alkyl-S-$(C_1\text{-}C_3)$alkyl-, or $(C_1\text{-}C_3)$alkyl-O-$(C_1\text{-}C_3)$alkyl-.

8. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 7 wherein R_2 is a n-propyl, n-butyl, n-pentyl, cyclopentylmethyl, cyclopentylethyl, cyclohexylmethyl or cyclohexylethyl.

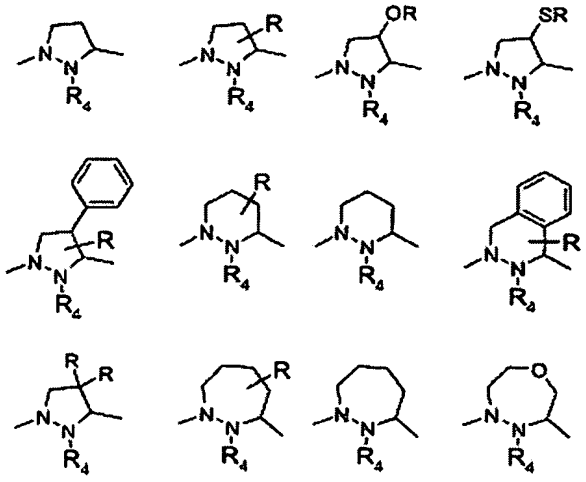
9. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed ~~in any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein R_4 is hydrogen, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$alkyl-, cycloalkylmethyl-, $(C_1\text{-}C_3)$alkyl-S-$(C_1\text{-}C_3)$alkyl-, or $(C_1\text{-}C_3)$alkyl-O-$(C_1\text{-}C_3)$alkyl-.

10. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 9 wherein R_4 is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, n-butyl, n-pentyl, cyclopentylmethyl, cyclopentylethyl, cyclohexylmethyl or cyclohexylethyl.

11. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein R_3 and R_5, when not part of a ring, are independently hydrogen, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$alkyl-, cycloalkylmethyl-, $(C_1\text{-}C_3)$alkyl-S-$(C_1\text{-}C_3)$alkyl-, or $(C_1\text{-}C_3)$alkyl-O-$(C_1\text{-}C_3)$alkyl-.

12. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 11 wherein R_3 and R_5 are independently hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, n-butyl, n-pentyl, cyclopentylmethyl, cyclopentylethyl, cyclohexylmethyl or cyclohexylethyl.

13. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 10~~ claim 1 wherein R_3 and R_5 taken together with the carbon and nitrogen atoms to which they are respectively attached form the following rings, wherein any sulfur atom present as a ring member may be oxidized to –SO- or $–SO_2$-, R_4 is as defined in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, and R represents hydrogen or C_1-C_4 alkyl:



14. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein A is a group $-NR_6R_7$, $-R_6$, or $-OR_6$ wherein R_6 and R_7 independently represent a radical of formula (IV)

$$-(Alk^1)_m-(X)_p-(Alk^2)_n-Z \qquad (IV)$$

wherein

m, p and n are independently 0 or 1;

Z represents hydrogen or a carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring of 5 to 7 ring atoms which is optionally fused to a saturated or unsaturated carbocyclic or heterocyclic second ring of 5 to 7

ring atoms;

Alk^1 and Alk^2 independently represent divalent C_1-C_3 alkylene radicals;

X represents -O-, -S-, -S(O)-, -$S(O_2)$-, -C(=O)-, -NH-, -NR_7- where R_7 is C_1-C_3 alkyl;

and wherein

Alk^1 and Alk^2 and Z when other than hydrogen, independently are optionally substituted by

(C_1-C_3)alkyl, (C_2-C_3)alkenyl, or (C_2-C_3)alkynyl,

phenyl, optionally substituted by (C_1-C_3)alkyl, (C_1-C_3)alkoxy, halo, nitro, amino, mono- or di-(C_1-$C_3$3) alkylamino, cyano or trifluoromethyl;

monocyclic 5 or 6-membered heterocyclic, optionally substituted by(C_1-C_3)alkyl, (C_1-C_3)alkoxy, halo, nitro, amino, mono- or di-(C_1-C_3)alkylamino, cyano or trifluoromethyl

benzyl, optionally substituted in the phenyl ring by (C_1-C_3)alkyl, (C_1-C_3)alkoxy, halo, nitro, amino, mono- or di-(C_1-C_3)alkylamino, cyano or trifluoromethyl,

hydroxy, phenoxy, (C_1-C_6)alkoxy, or hydroxyl (C_1-C_6)alkyl,

mercapto, (C_1-C_6) alkylthio or mercapto (C_1-C_6)alkyl,

oxo,

nitro,

cyano

halo

-COOH, or -$COOR^A$,

-$COONH_2$, -$CONHR^A$, or -$CONR^AR^B$

$-COR^A$, $-SO_2R^A$,

$-NHCOR^A$,

$-NH_2$, $-NHR^A$, or $-NR^AR^B$,

wherein R^A and R^B are independently a (C_1-C_6) alkyl group, R^A and R^B taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring which may be sutstituted by (C_1-C_3)alkyl, hydroxyl, or hydroxyl(C_1-C_3)alkyl.

15. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed ~~in any of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 13~~ wherein A is a group $-NR_8R_9$ wherein R_8 and R_9 when taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocyclic ring of 5 to 8 atoms optionally fused to a saturated or unsaturated carbocyclic or hetercyclic second ring of 5 to 7 ring atoms, any of which rings being optionally substituted by a radical of formula (IV)~~(II) as defined above~~

(IV)

wherein

m, p and n are independently 0 or 1;

Z represents hydrogen or a carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring of 5 to 7 ring atoms which is optionally fused to a saturated or unsaturated carbocyclic or heterocyclic second ring of 5 to 7 ring atoms;

Alk^1 and Alk^2 independently represent divalent C_1-C_3 alkylene radicals;

X represents -O-, -S-, -S(O)-, $-S(O_2)-$, -C(=O)-, -NH-, $-NR_7-$ where R_7 is C_1-C_3 alkyl;

and wherein

Alk^1 and Alk^2 and Z when other than hydrogen, independently are optionally substituted by

(C_1-C_3)alkyl, (C_2-C_3)alkenyl, or (C_2-C_3)alkynyl,

phenyl, optionally substituted by (C_1-C_3)alkyl, (C_1-C_3)alkoxy, halo, nitro, amino, mono- or di-($C_1-C_3$3) alkylamino, cyano or trifluoromethyl;

monocyclic 5 or 6-membered heterocyclic, optionally substituted by(C_1-C_3)alkyl, (C_1-C_3)alkoxy, halo, nitro, amino, mono- or di-(C_1-C_3)alkylamino, cyano or trifluoromethyl

benzyl, optionally substituted in the phenyl ring by (C_1-C_3)alkyl, (C_1-C_3)alkoxy, halo, nitro, amino, mono- or di-(C_1-C_3)alkylamino, cyano or trifluoromethyl,

hydroxy, phenoxy, (C_1-C_6)alkoxy, or hydroxyl (C_1-C_6)alkyl,

mercapto, (C_1-C_6) alkylthio or mercapto (C_1-C_6)alkyl,

oxo,

nitro,

cyano

halo

-COOH, or $-COOR^A$,

$-COONH_2$, $-CONHR^A$, or $-CONR^AR^B$

$-COR^A$, $-SO_2R^A$,

$-NHCOR^A$,

$-NH_2$, $-NHR^A$, or $-NR^AR^B$,

wherein R^A and R^B are independently a (C_1-C_6) alkyl group, R^A and R^B taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 5- or 6- membered heterocyclic ring which may be sutstituted by (C_1-C_3)alkyl, hydroxyl, or hydroxyl(C_1-C_3)alkyl.

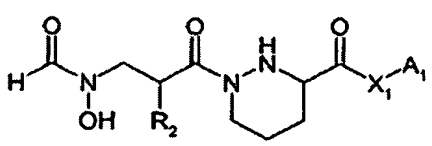
16. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 15 wherein R_8 and R_9 when taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted 1-pyrrolidinyl, piperidin-1-yl, 1-piperazinyl, hexahydro-1-pyridazinyl, morpholin-4-yl, tetrahydro-1,4-thiazin-4-yl, tetrahydro-1,4-thiazin-4-yl 1-oxide, tetrahydro-1,4-thiazin-4-yl, 1,1-dioxide, hexahydroazipino, thiomorpholino, diazepino, or thiazolidinyl ring.

17. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 15 wherein R_8 and R_9 when taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted piperidin-1-yl or 1-piperazinyl ring.

18. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 14 wherein in the group (IV) Alk^1 and Alk^2 independently represent $-(CH_2)-$ or $-(CH_2CH_2)-$.

19. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 14 ~~or claim 18~~ wherein in the group (IV) m is 0, p is 1, and X is $-C(=O)-$ or $-S(O_2)-$.

20. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1 of formulae (IIA) – (IID).



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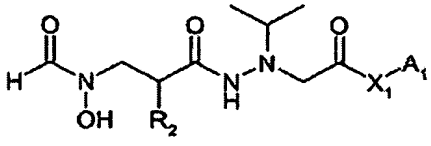

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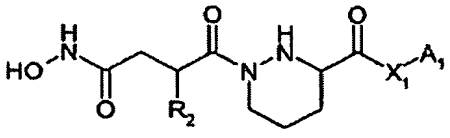

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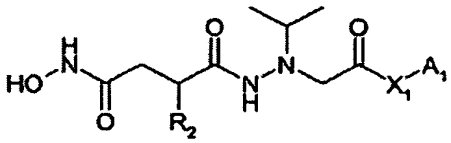

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wherein R_2 ~~is as defined in any of the preceding claims~~ represents a substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_3 alkyl-O-C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_1-C_3 alkyl-S-C_1-C_3 alkyl, cycloalkyl(C_1-C_3 alkyl)-, aryl(C_1-C_3 alkyl)-, heterocyclyl(C_1-C_3 alkyl)-, or R^1R^2N-C_1-C_3 alkyl group wherein R^1 represents hydrogen or C_1-C_3 alkyl and R^2 represents C_1-C_3 alkyl, or

R^1 R^2N-represents a cyclic amino group;

X_1 is a bond, C_1-C_3 alkylene, -NH- or-O-; and

A_1 is optionally substituted C_1-C_3 alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, or heterocyclic, for example methyl, ethyl phenyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, 2- or 3-furanyl, 2- or 3-thienyl, 2-, 3- or 4-pyridyl, 3-, 4- or 5-pyrazolyl, 3-, 4- or 5-oxazolyl, or 3-, 4- or 5-thiazolyl, methoxymethyl, 3,5-bis-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl, 4-trifluoromethylphenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, 3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl, 4-fluorophenyl benzyl, 3-pyridyl, 4-pyridyl, cyclohexyl, 1,3-dimethylpyrazol-5-yl, 1-methylimidazol-5-yl, and 2-[morpholin-1-yl]pyrid-5-yl.

21. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 20 wherein R_2 is n-propyl, n-butyl, n-pentyl, cyclopentylmethyl, cyclopentylethyl, cyclohexylmethyl or cyclohexylethyl ;

X_1 is a bond, -CH_2-, -CH_2CH_2-, -$CH_2CH_2CH_2$-, -NH- or -O-; and

A_1 is methyl, ethyl phenyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, 2- or 3-furanyl, 2- or 3-thienyl, 2-, 3-or 4-pyridyl, 3-, 4- or 5-pyrazolyl, 3-, 4-or 5-oxazolyl, or 3-, 4-or 5-thiazolyl, methoxymethyl, 3,5-bis-(trifluoromethyl) phenyl, 4-trifluoromethylphenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, 3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl, 4-fluorophenyl benzyl, 3-pyridyl, 4-pyridyl, cyclohexyl, 1,3-dimethylpyrazol-5-yl, 1-methylimidazol-5-yl, or 2-[morpholin-1-yl]pyrid-5-yl.

22. (Currently Amended) A method for the treatment of bacterial infections in humans and non-human mammals, which comprises administering to a subject suffering such infection an antibacterially effective dose of a compound as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~claim 1.

23. (Currently Amended) A method of inhibiting bacterial growth in vitro and in vivo in mammals comprising applying ~~The use of~~ a compound as claimed in claim 1~~any of claims 1 to 21 for inhibiting bacterial growth in vitro and in vivo in mammals~~.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A method for the treatment of bacterial contamination by applying an antibacterially effective amount of a compound as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 21~~ claim 1

to the site of contamination.

26. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical or veterinary composition comprising a compound as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 21~~ claim 1 together with a pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable carrier or excipient.